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30 YEARS
1963-1993

ALSO:
MUDDY MUDSKIPPER!

HI,
KIDS!

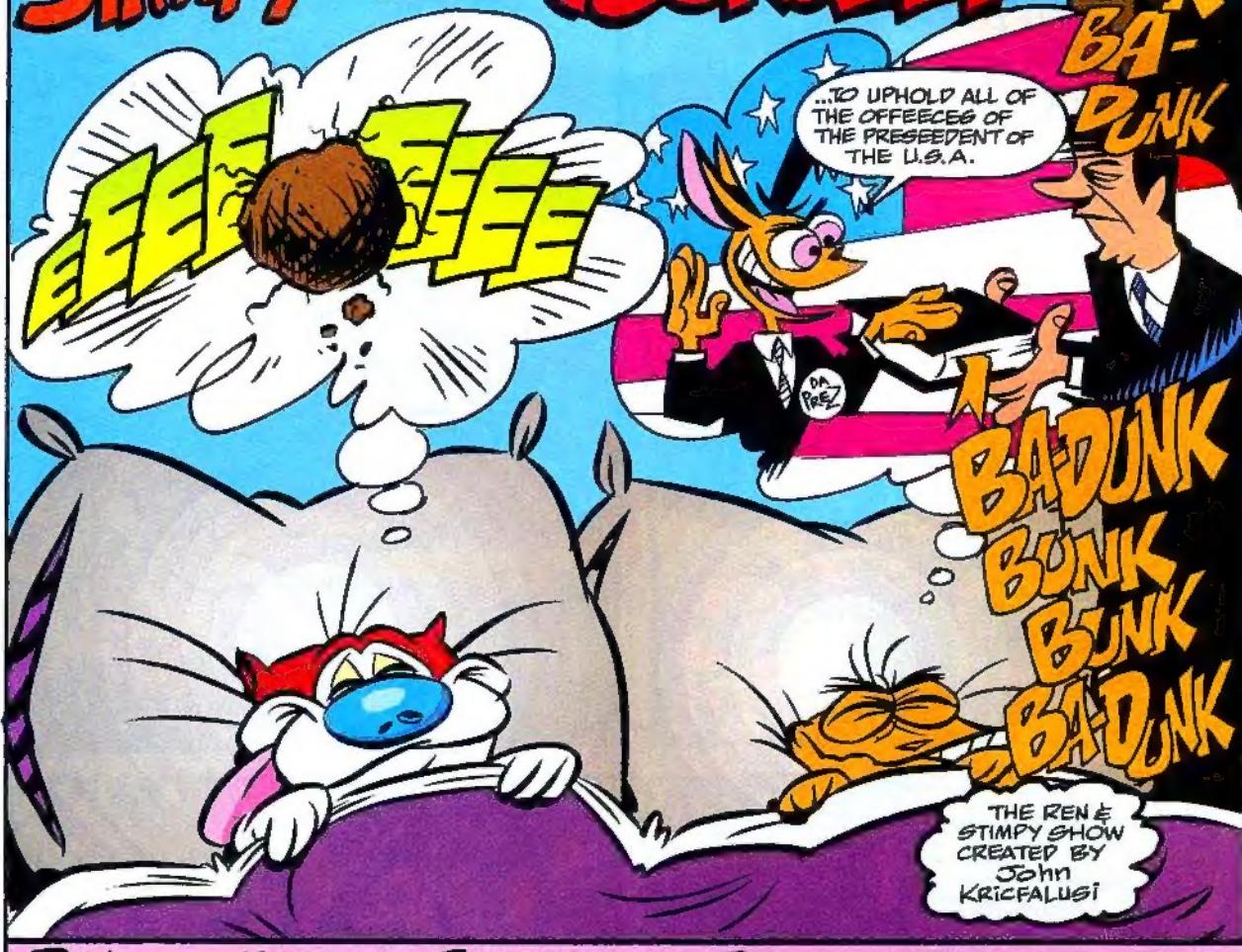


THE DAWN OF TIME, WHEN CAVE-STIMPYS FROLICKED IN THE PRIMORDIAL OOZE...



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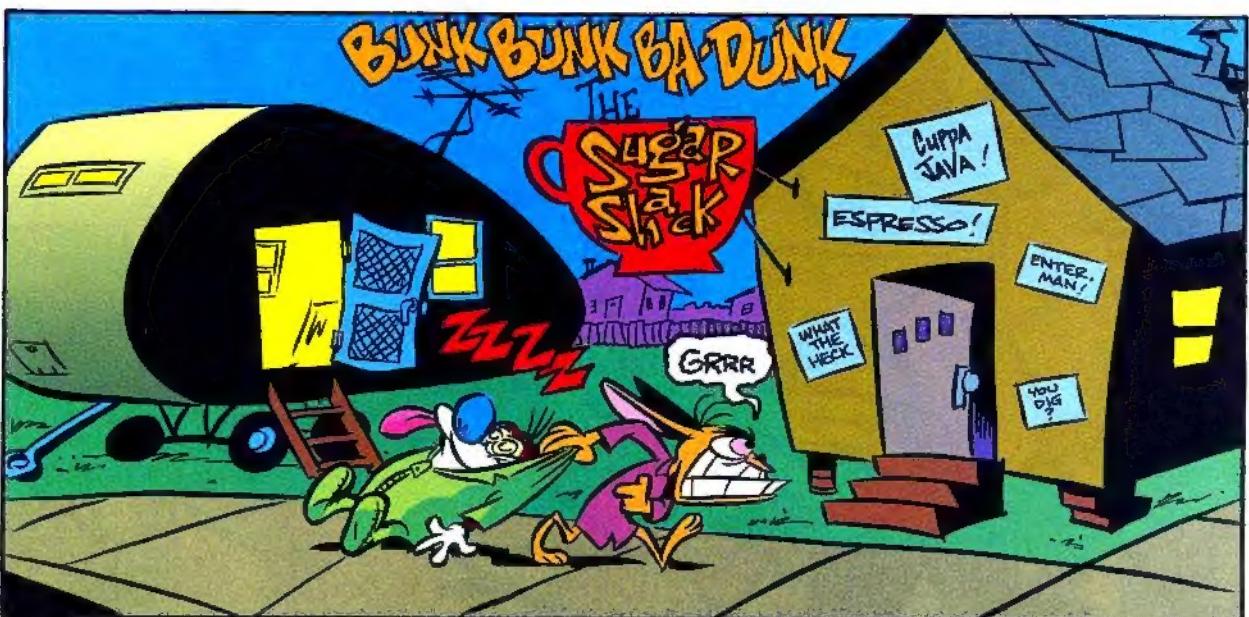
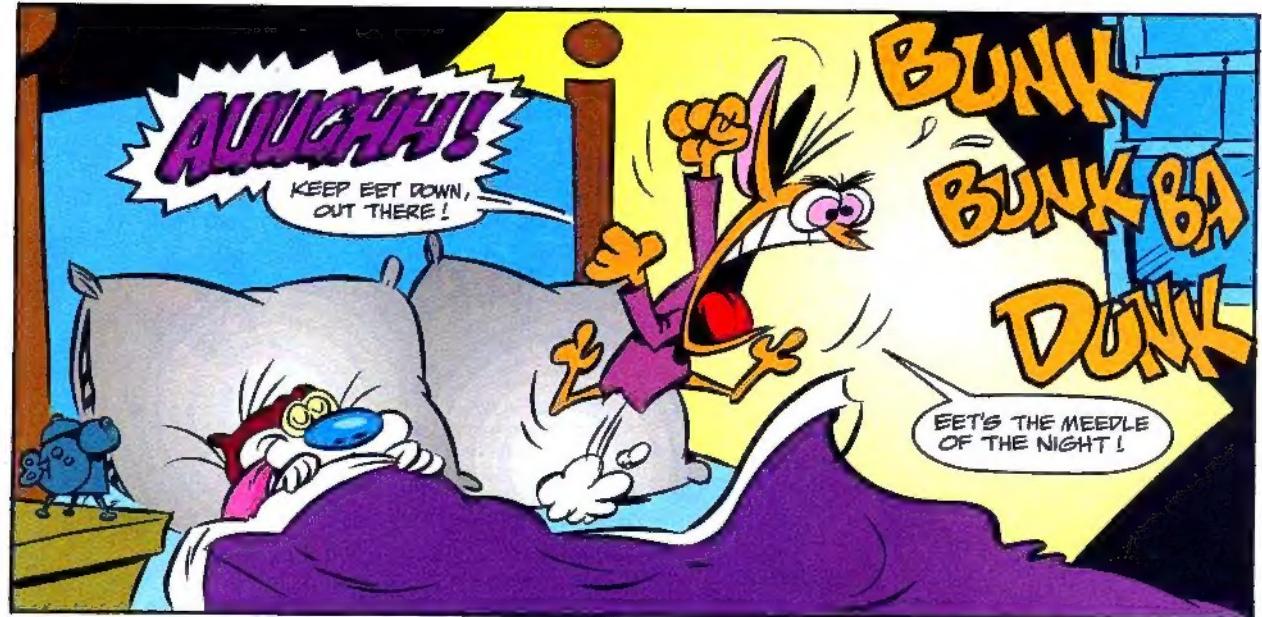
Ren & Stimpy IN ESPRESSO YOURSELF BUNK BA-DUNK



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COLORIST EDITOR EDITOR IN CHIEF





STOP EET!
ALL OF YOU, STOP
EET RIGHT
NOW!

SHORTY
LIVES !

"...life wears
velour trousers, life
totters, life has a
beard" i say to you
who are silent--"do
you see LIFE ? he is
there and here...." *

*e.e. cummings

IT'S NO USE,
CHICK ! WE BEING
WAITED ON BY
GODOT !

GARSON--
MORE JAVA,
MAN !

Da da da
da da da da
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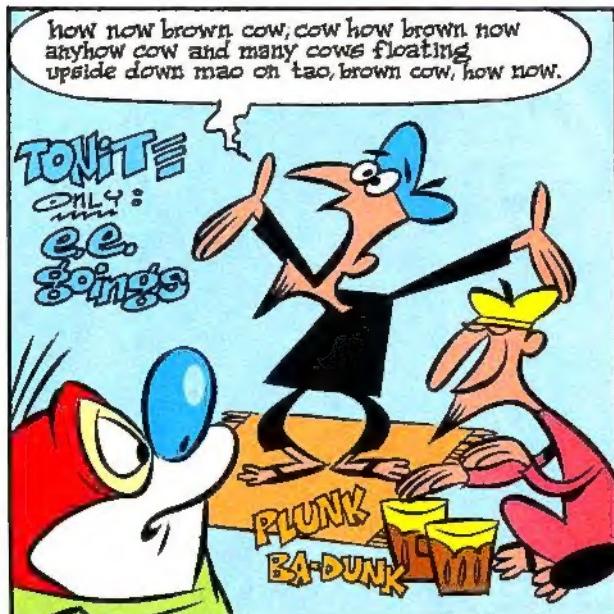
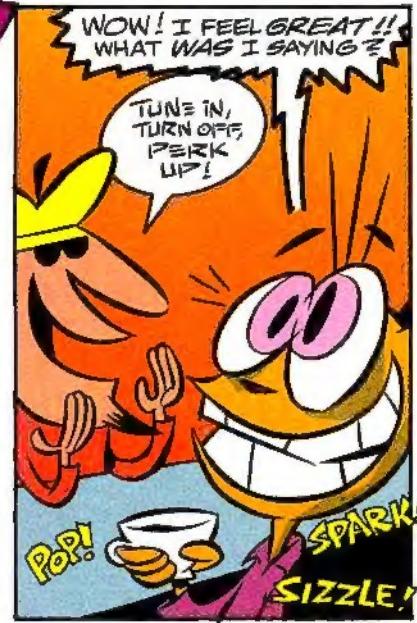
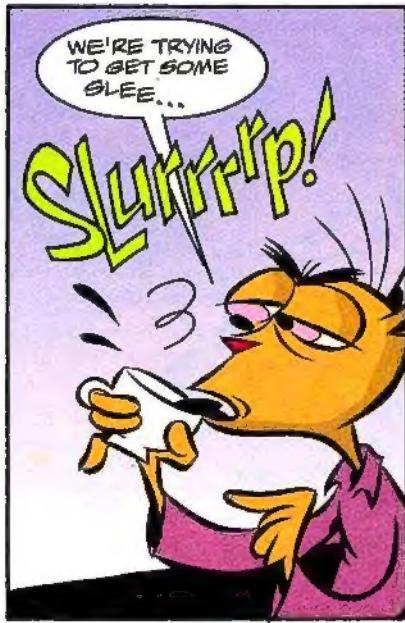
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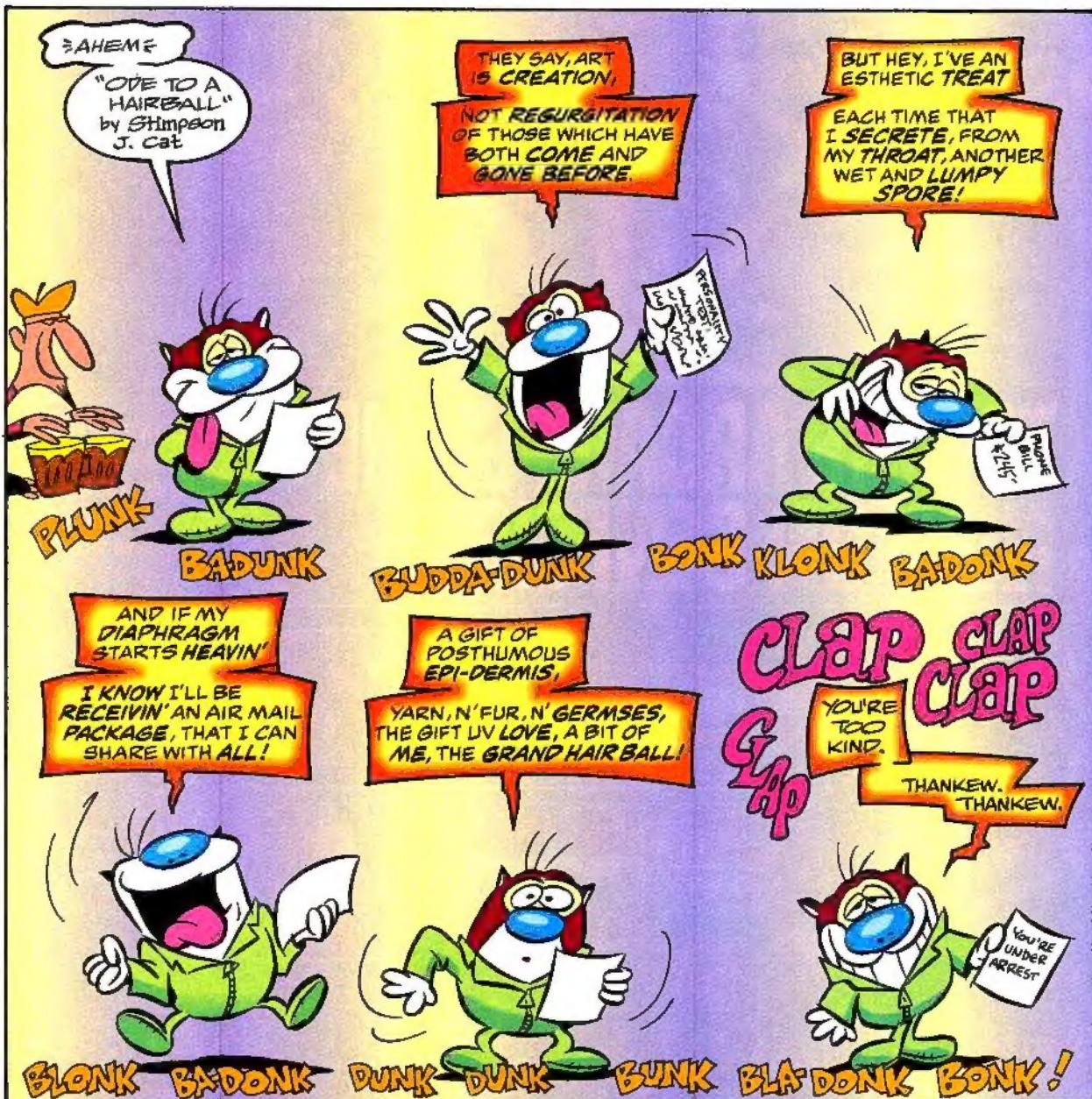
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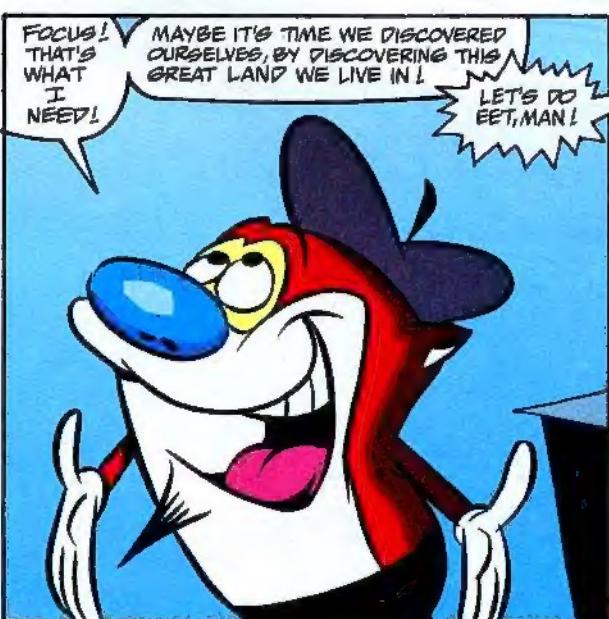
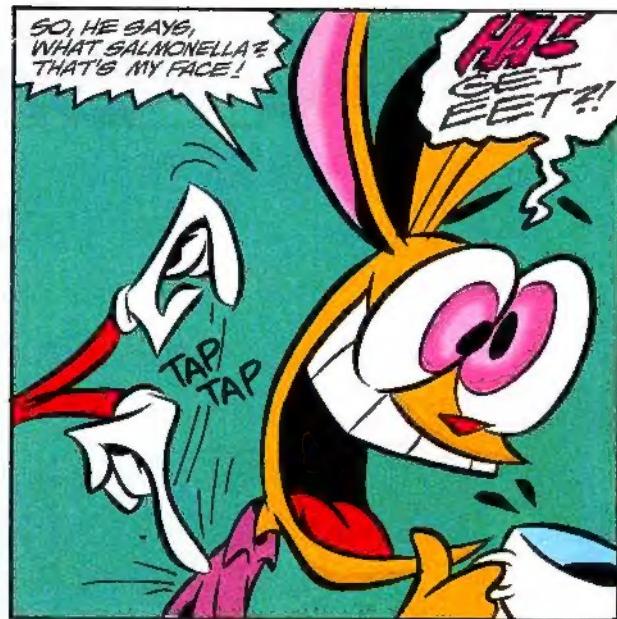
JUST
GRIN
AND
BECKETT,
CATS.

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SAID, "DID
YOU SEE
KEIFER."

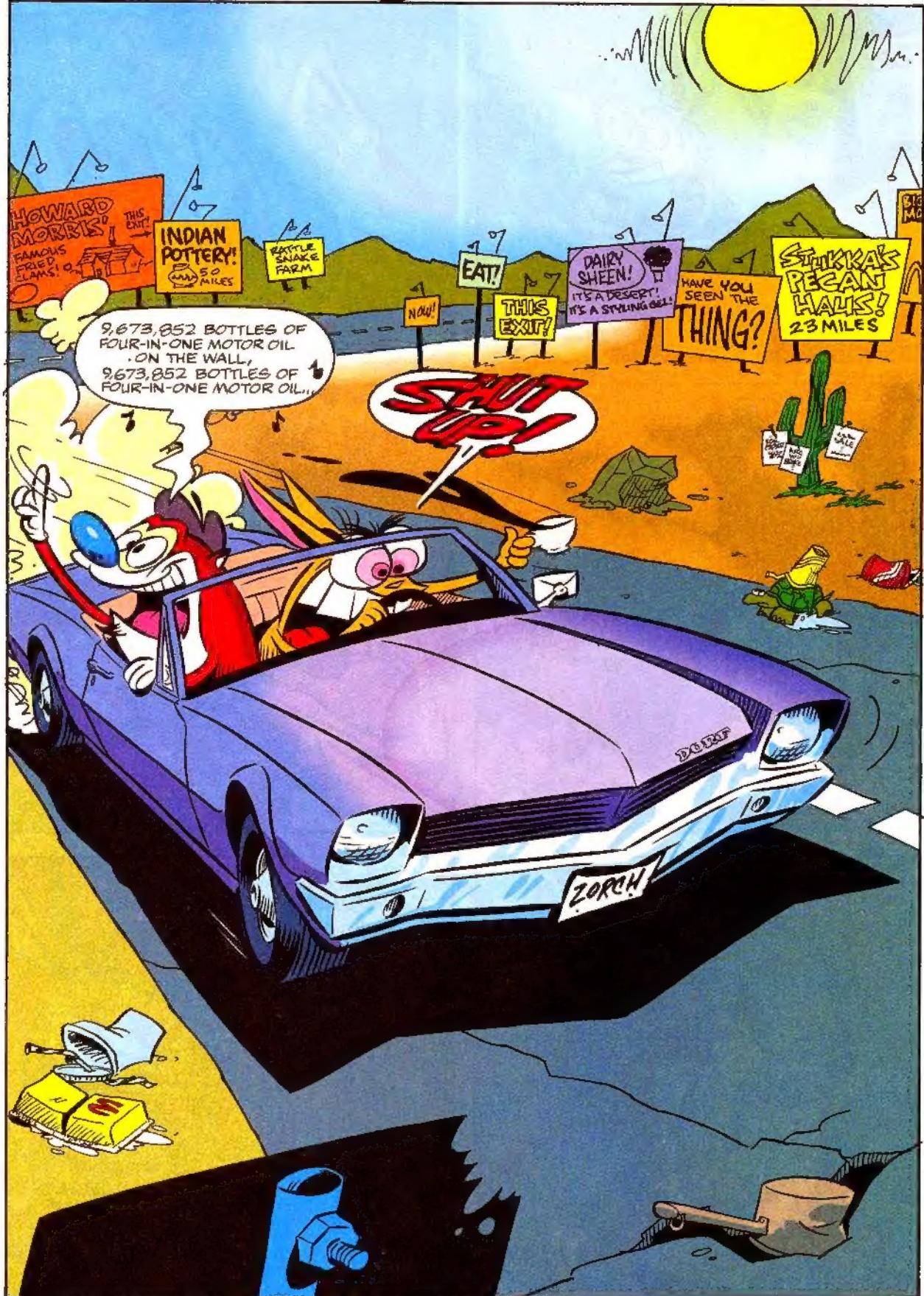
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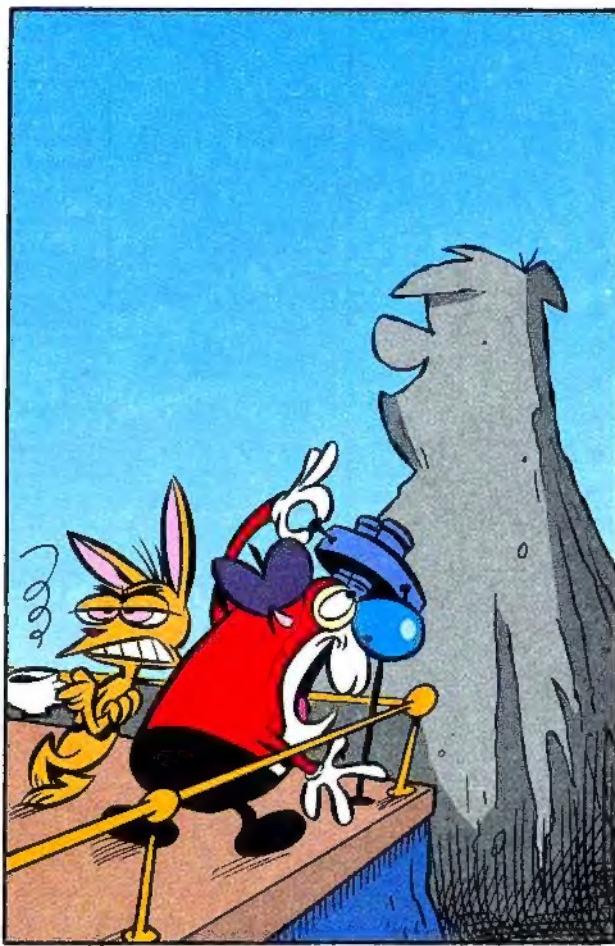
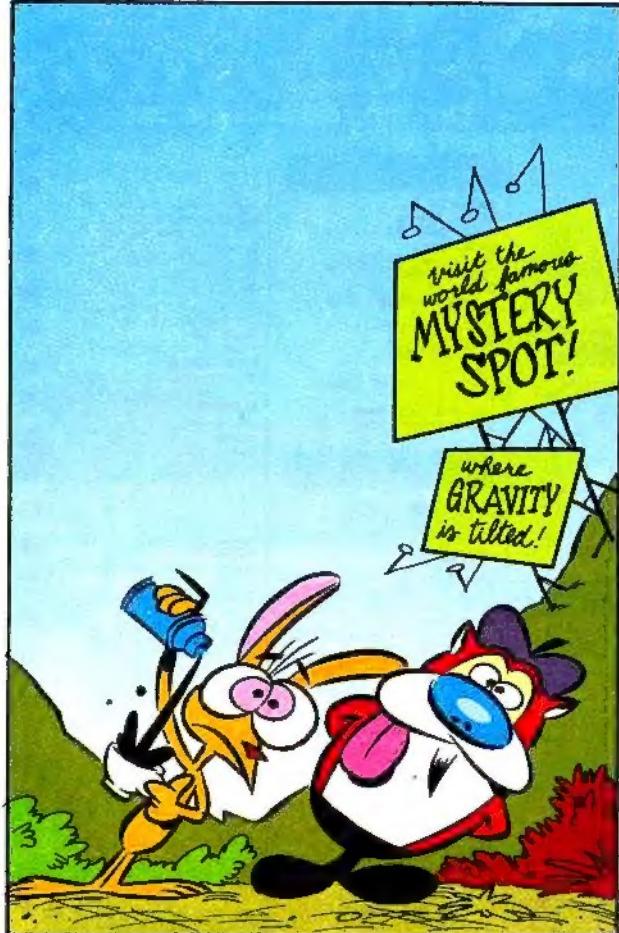


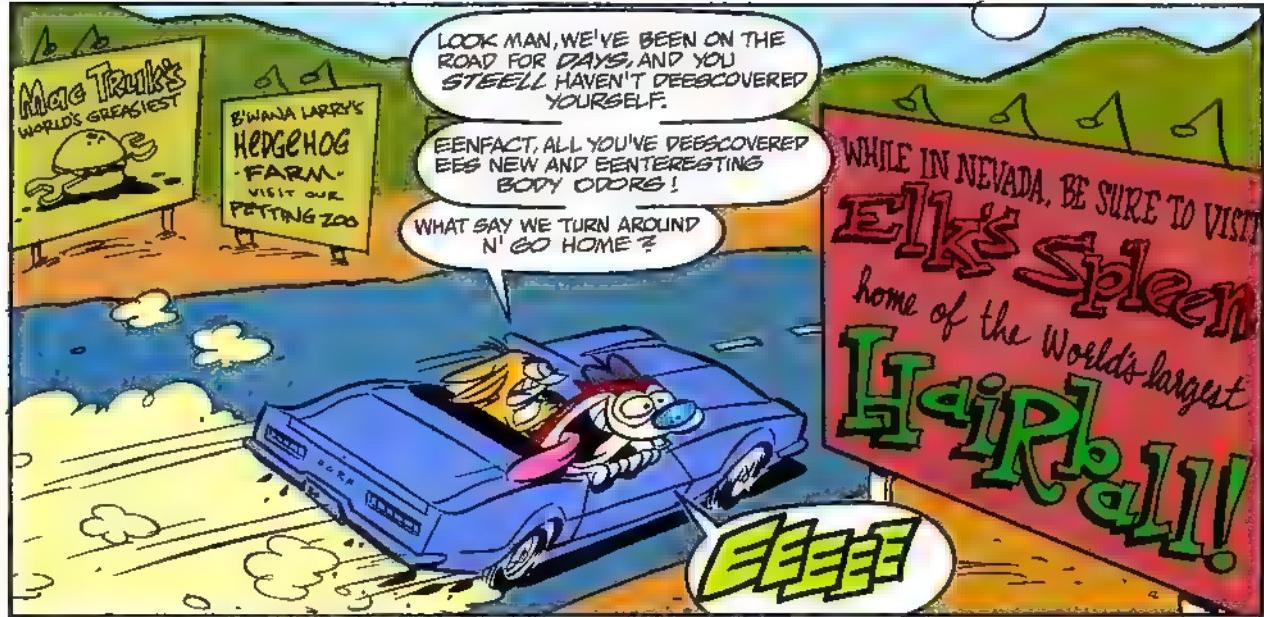


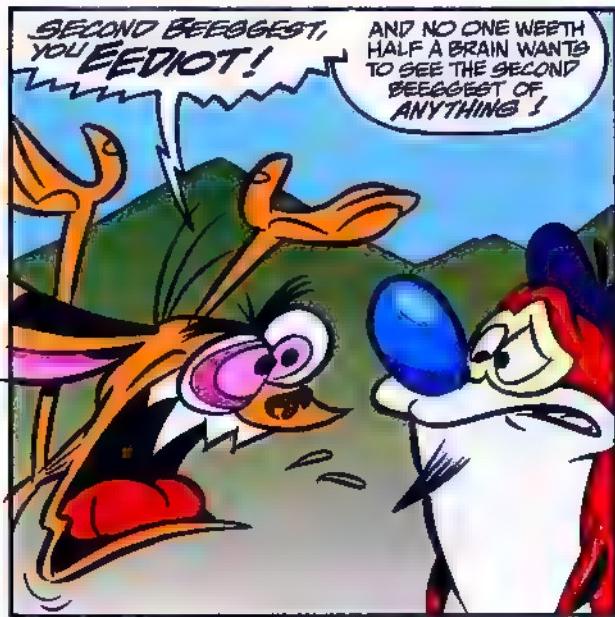
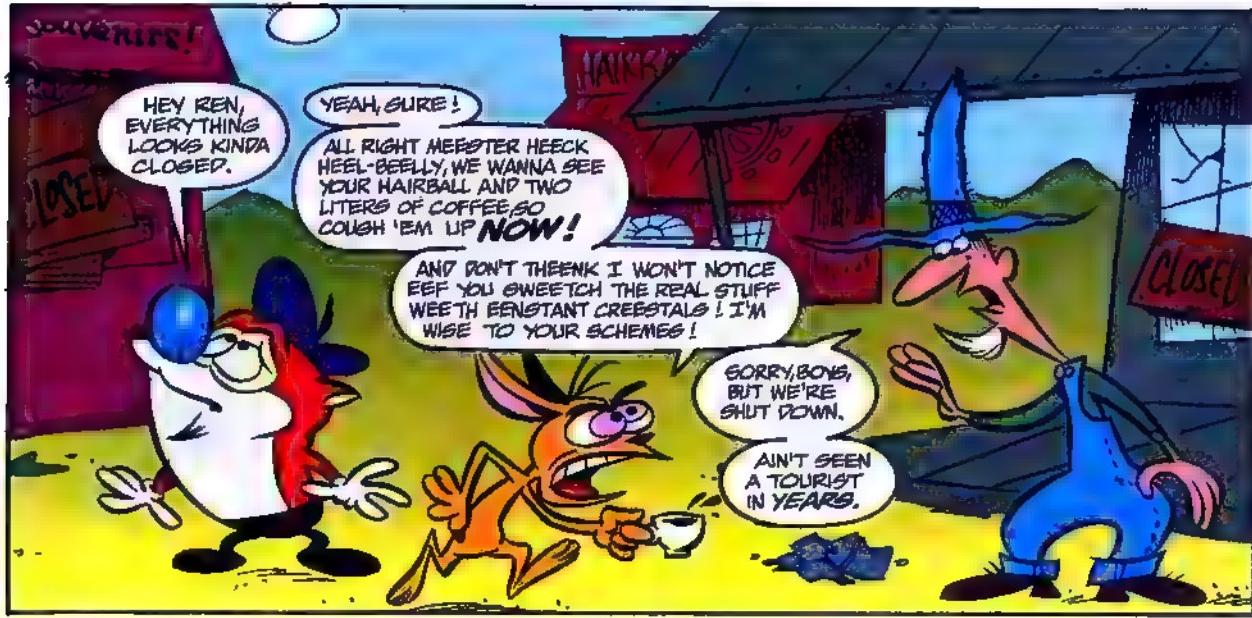


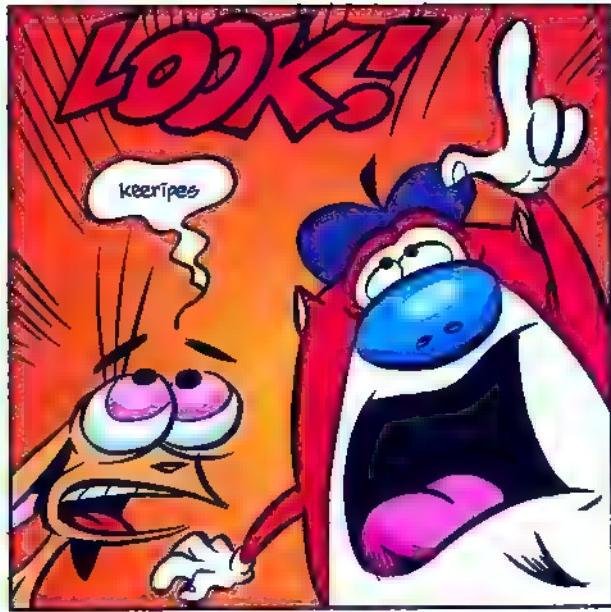
SEVENTY-EIGHT HOURS LATER...













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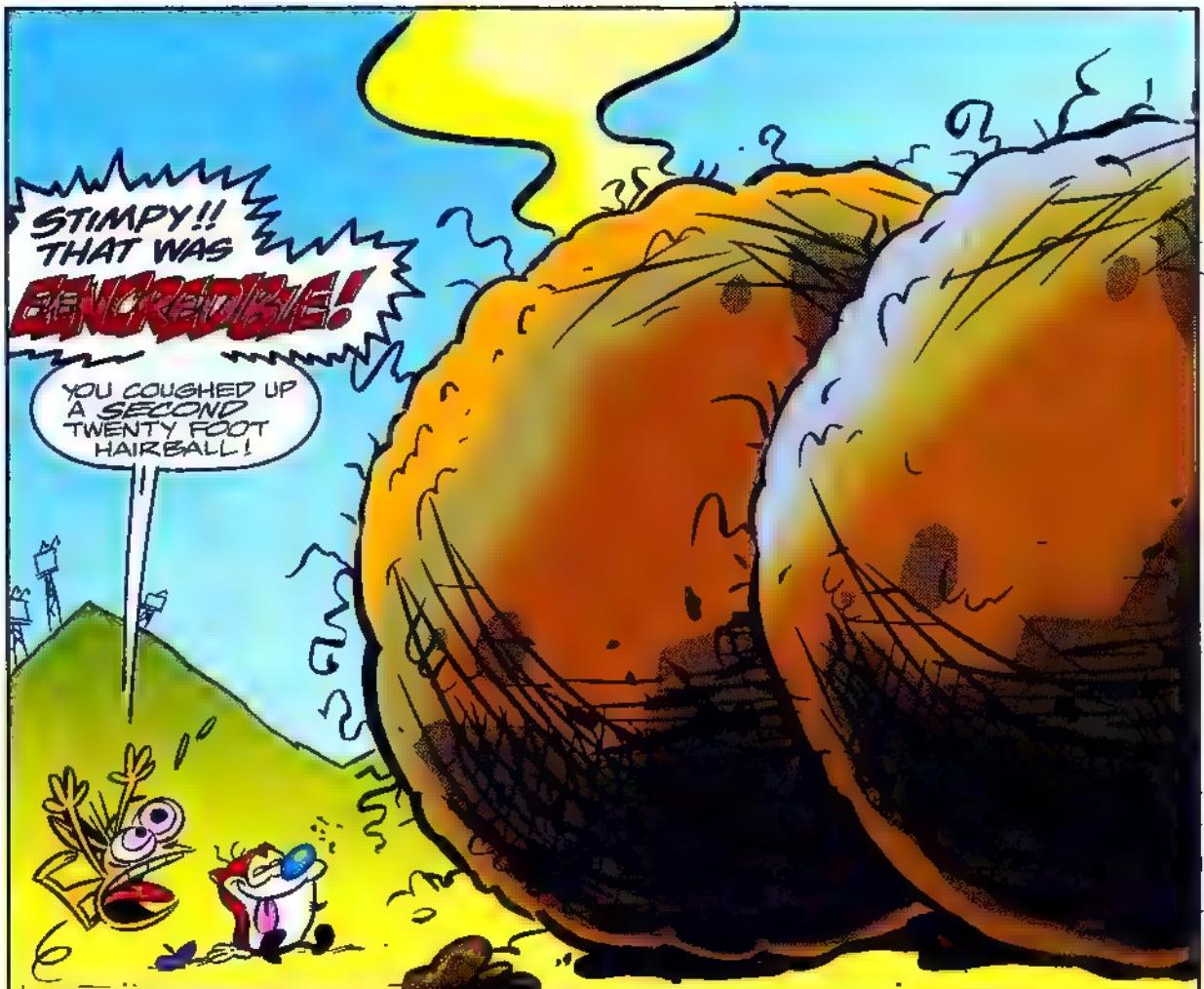


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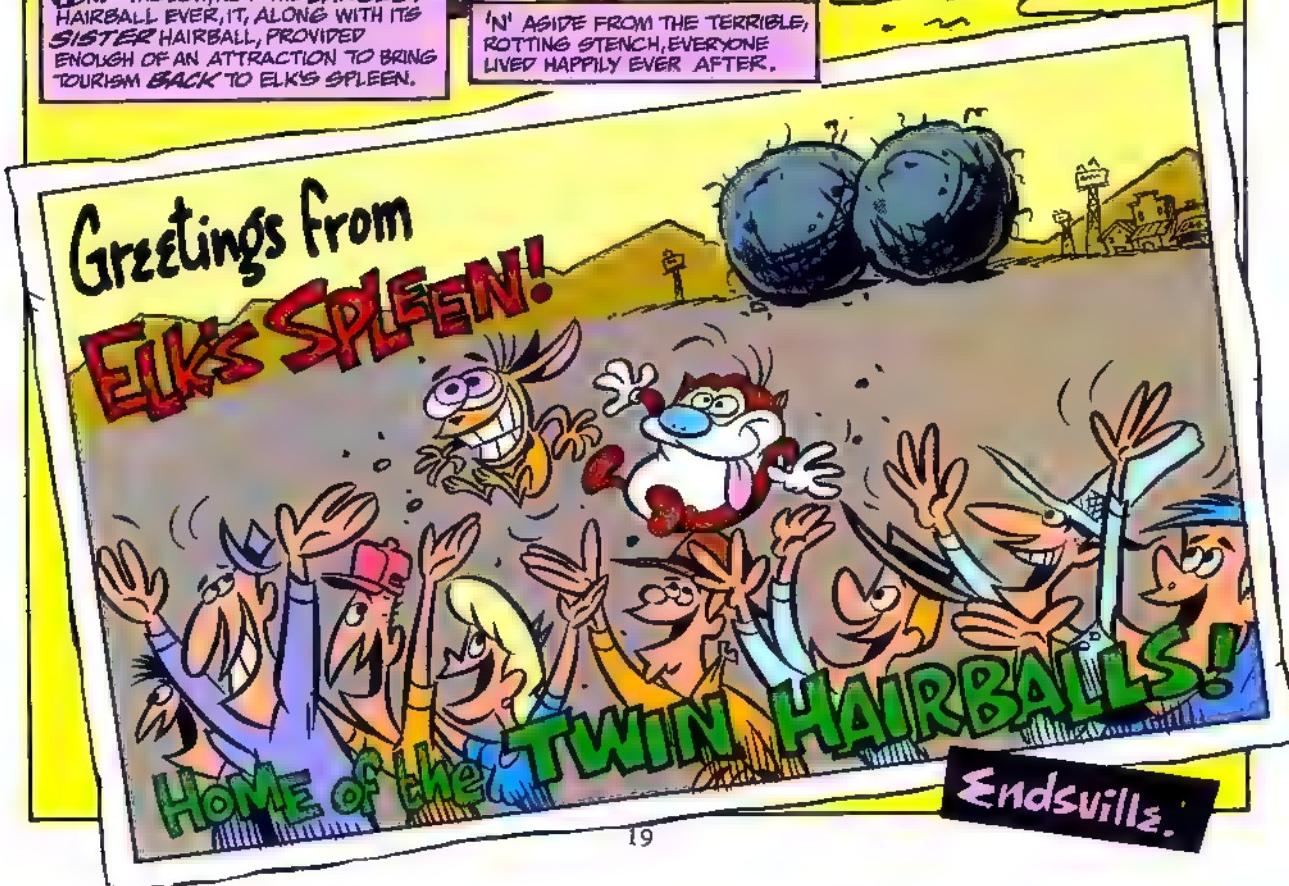
HUMBOFF





AND THOUGH, NOT THE LARGEST HAIRBALL EVER, IT, ALONG WITH ITS SISTER HAIRBALL, PROVIDED ENOUGH OF AN ATTRACTION TO BRING TOURISM BACK TO ELK'S SPLEEN.

'N' ASIDE FROM THE TERRIBLE, ROTTING STENCH, EVERYONE LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

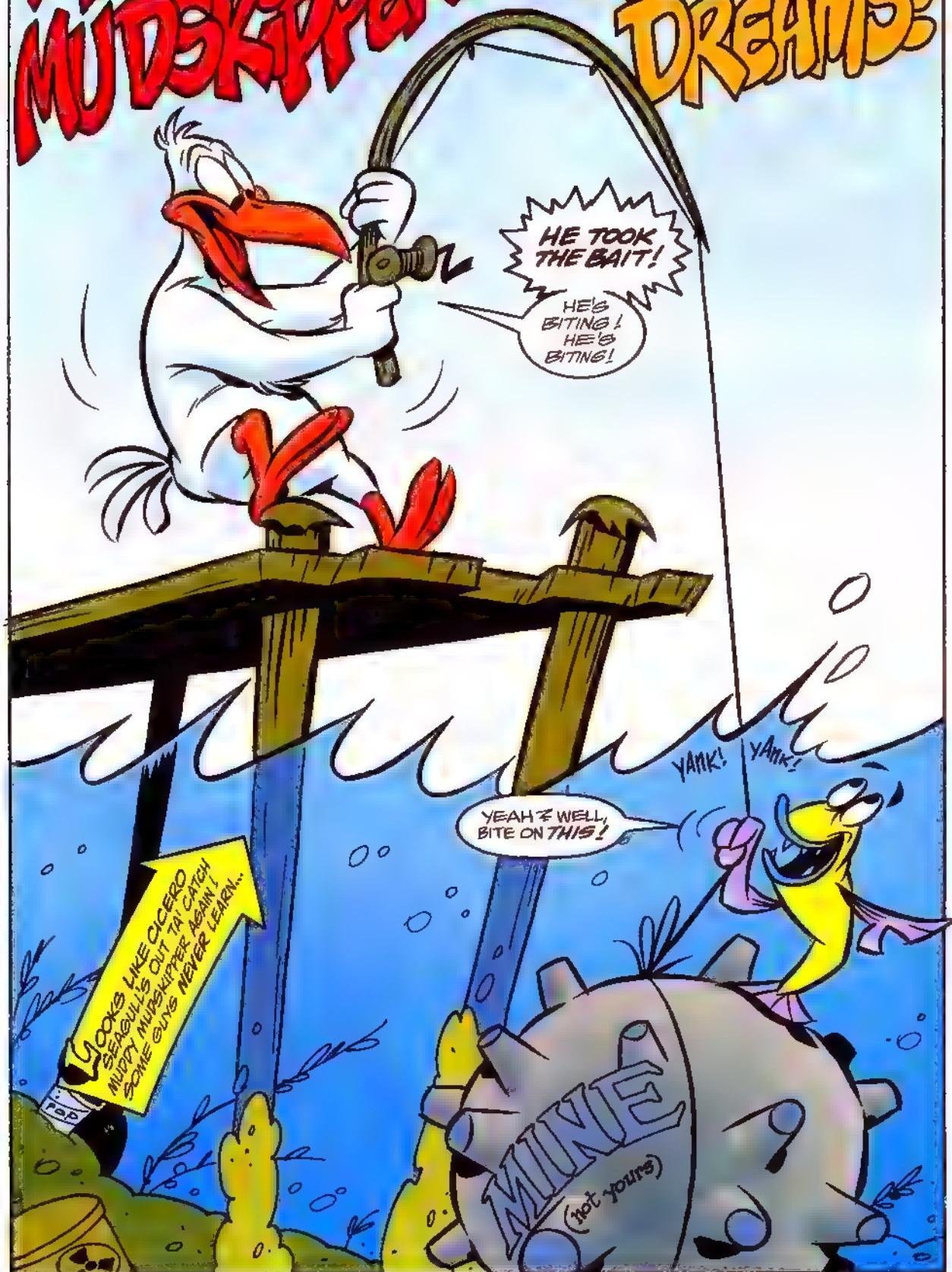


"Where's

Stimpy?"



MUDGY MUDSKIPPER vs GULL OF MY DREAMS!





ZOIKS!

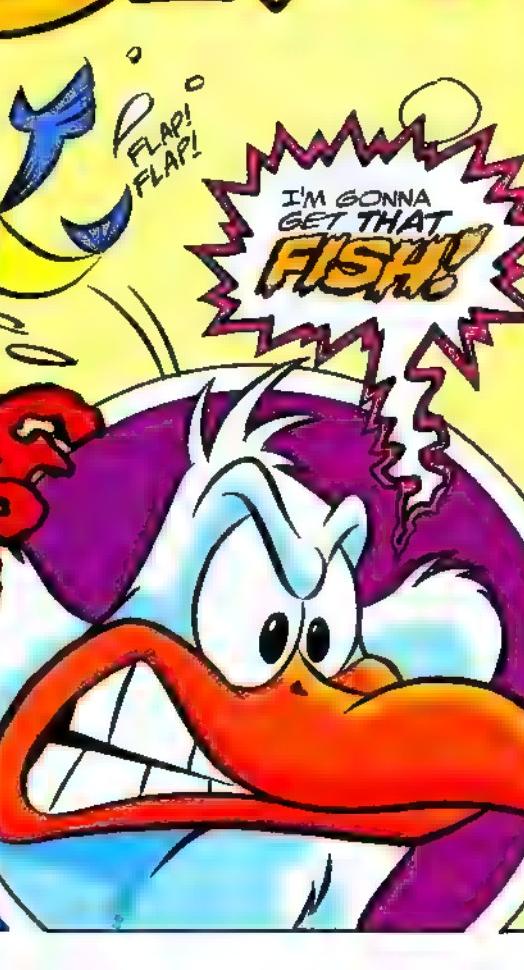
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Ouch!



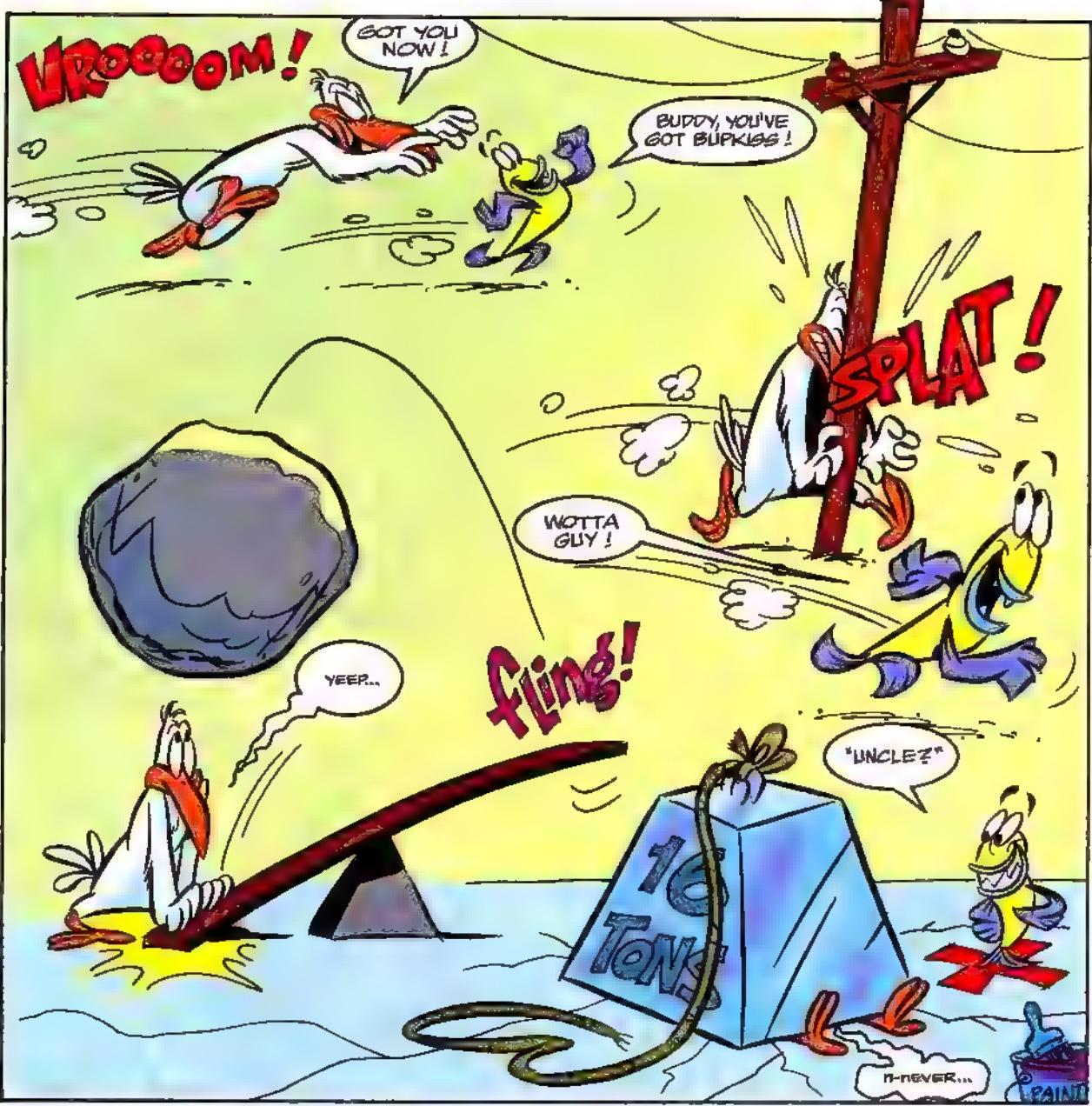
HA HA!
TAKE THAT,
YA LOUSY
BUM!



FLAP!
FLAP!



I'M GONNA
GET THAT
FISH!



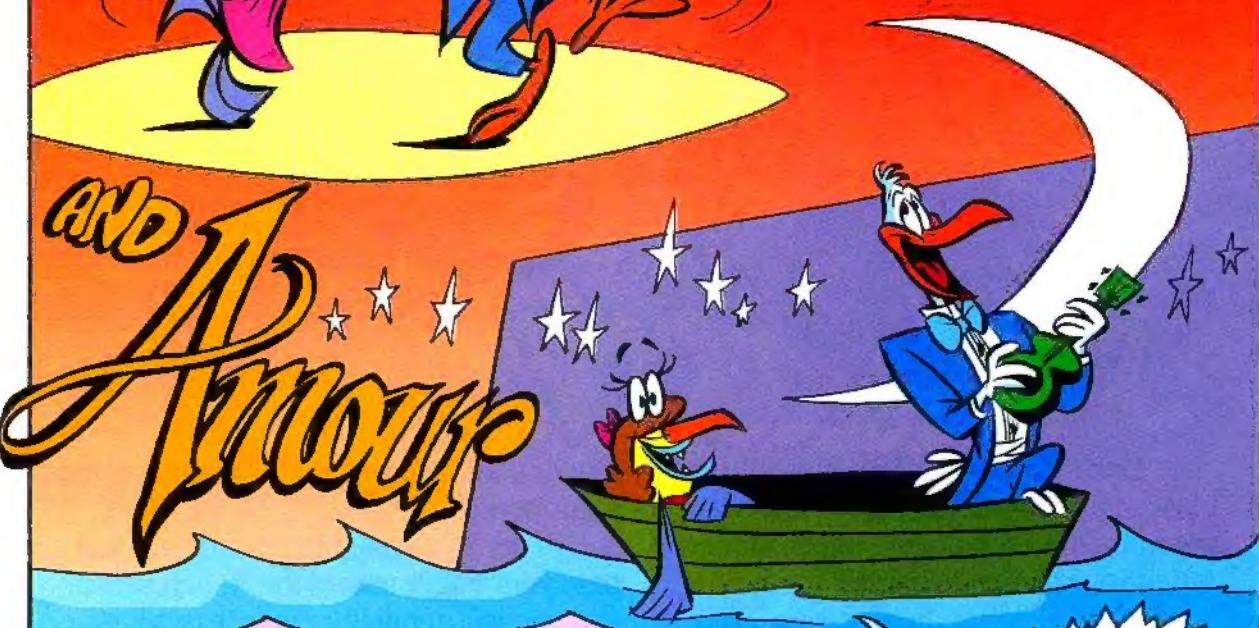


SOME WOULD CALL IT KISMET,
FATE, OR LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT;
BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT
SPIRAL'S INTO A WHIRLWIND OF...

ROMANCE

HARD

Passion



I THINK WE SHOULD
START SEEING OTHER
GULLS.



HAH!

WELL, THAT TAKES CARE A' THAT BUM!

NOW, I'LL JUST DITCH THE DUDES...

...AND IT'S BACK TA...ER...uh... BUSINESS...

...AS USUAL?

:GULP:



--WHEN DID THIS CATHEXIS ANXIETY FIRST BEGIN?--

SO TELL ME MR. SKIPPER--

--time's up.



PY?"



SORRY I'M
LATE, REN, BUT
I HAD TO USE
THE LITTER
BOX.



WELL, YOU
SHOULD'VE THOUGHT
OF THAT BEFORE
WE STARTED THEES
EPISODE, MEESTER!



ASK DR. STUPID

TODAY'S FIRST LETTER IS FROM OWEN FREEMAN OF OLYMPIA, WA., WHO ASKS:

DEAR DR. STUPID,
MY SISTER HAS A NINE-CENT GOLDFISH
THAT IS STILL ALIVE AFTER SEVEN MONTHS. HOW COULD THAT BE?

YOU HAVE AN IMMORTAL, INDESTRUCTABLE FISH. TRY TAKING IT OUT OF THE BOWL AND HITTING IT WITH A FRYING PAN. SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.



Dear Dr. Stupid,

My name is Eric Bein. I live in Huntsville, Alabama. My question is, "Where does the gross taste in a stamp come from?"

Well Eric, it's kinda funny, but the taste is manufactured in a plant just outside of Huntsville. Ironic, huh?

Dear Dr. Stupid,

What happens when you get amnesia.

Tony Thebeau
Columbia, MO

I forgot.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

My mom says I should get all A's and B's. She says C's are unacceptable. I think she's crazy. What do you think?

Jessica Martin
Mars, PA 16046

I think you should bring home some D's and F's and see whether she likes those better.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

If you put pasta and antipasto on the same plate, would they cancel each other out?

David McClafferty
59 Cameo Rd.
Levittown, PA 19057

No, you would have discovered cold fusion.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why is it impolite to pick your nose in public?

Matt Smolka
6207 6th St.
Kent, OH 44240

It's only impolite, Matt, if you don't have enough to go around.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

How can I lose more teeth?

Robby Davis
Waterloo, IA 50701

My pal Ren says, "Write een more questions like that one, buddy!" Thanks, Ren. Now, if it's okay with you, dear reader, I shall now hand the letters page back over to those nice people from Marvel...

Dear REN & STIMPY,

First let me say that you have an excellent comic book. THE REN & STIMPY SHOW is the very best thing on Earth! My cousin, who is three years old, loves it too! He likes Stimpy the best. I have some questions:

- 1) Are Mr. Horse and Powdered Toast Man going to have more appearances in future issues?
- 2) Are "magic nose goblins" really magic?
- 3) What day and month is Yak Shaving Day? And are Ren and Stimpy going to celebrate it in a future issue?
- 4) Are there going to be tie-ins into the Marvel Universe? Like, is Spider-Man or the X-Men going to make any appearances?

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you print it, because none of my letters have ever been printed. Thanks again.

Tim Davis
937 Marble Cir.
San Jose, CA 95120

Hi Tim, we're glad you're enjoying the series so far. As for your questions —

- 1) Mr. Horse and Powdered Toast Man popped up in this same issue. Expect to see PTM playing a larger role in R&S #1
- 2) Nobody nose.
- 3) You'll find out in R&S #7!
- 4) Guess who PTM is going to be trading blows with in two short months?

Dear Fabian,

Regarding the first issue of THE REN & STIMPY SHOW: Hmm... yes, sir, I do like it. At first, I thought that no one could create a good Ren & Stimpy comic. To be honest, the only really good comic book adaptations of animated cartoon shows that I've read have been published by Disney Comics. Add to this the fact that "The Ren & Stimpy Show" is one of the most surreal, bizarre cartoons on television, and you've got a tough act to follow. Judging from the quality of the first issue, however, I'm completely satisfied with the transerral of mediums.

Dan Slott has a real good grip on the hyper-humor of the show. His dialogue is hilarious, and his plots feel like they were written by John Kricfalusi himself. I love Mike Kazaleh's rendition of Ren & Stimpy. The art is excellent, especially the cover, and Evan Skolnick's colors were beautifully done. All in all, REN & STIMPY looks to be a great series. See you next time.

Robert Knaus
320 Fisher St.
Walpole, MA 02081

Thanks for writing in, Rob. As for those covers you like so much, those are the doing of our own marvelous Mike Kazaleh with full color art provided by perfect Paul Mounts!

Dear Fabian,

You beeg bloated sack of protoplasm! You... you eediot! REN & STIMPY #1 was better than I ever would have thought! I'm not exactly a fan of the TV show (too many stupid and pointless grotesque sight gags), thus I expected the comic would be the same. It would have a weak story and mediocre artwork, right? WRONG!

Mike Kazaleh's artwork, from the cover on, was excellent. (Did he paint the cover?) Ren Höek and Stimpyson J. Cat never looked better, or more animated. Kazaleh's style looks fast-paced and incredibly funny — perfect for Ren & Stimpy! From the expressive faces to the graphic and simple backgrounds, this is one artist that absolutely can't be lost!

Evan Skolnick also did his most impressive coloring job to date.

Then we have "demented" Dan Slott. I think you have finally found Dan a niche all his own. Instead of writing those eencredeebly boring Phantom Rider stories een ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER, Dan is writing — gasp — funny stories. The lead-in was funny, and I hope each issue uses the same format, with a fourteen page story to start with. The "Ren Höek for President" two-pager should also be expanded upon in a later issue. Make sure that Dan keeps it up, and I may even keep — gasp — collecting REN & STIMPY! (Remember that this is coming from the same person who reads some of the more intelligent books available on the market). See ya' in the funny pages.

Joey Marchese
P.O. Box 2197
Union, NJ 07083-2197

Mike thanks you for the compliments, Joey. Paul and Evan say "thanks" too. Dan says, "Incredibly boring Phantom Rider stories?" I'll kill him! I'll yank his intestines out through his left nostril! I'll molderize him!"

NEXT ISSUE: Commander Höek and Cadet Stimpy vs. the Croco-Men from Planet Zed! And lots, lots, more!